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SUBJECT: QUESTIONS BY HOUSE COMMITTEE STAFFER CONCERNING
MRS. SOMOZA'S CITIZENSHIP

REF: MANAGUA 4410; STATE 271459

1. IN NOVEMBER 17 DISCUSSION WITH CHARGE, HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE STAFFER JOHN E. MOORE ASKED ABOUT AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT FOR MRS. SOMOZA, OTHER POSITIONS SHE HAS HELD AND TYPE OF OATH OF OFFICE REQUIRED IN NICARAGUA. CHARGE EXPLAINED BACKGROUND OF QUESTION OF AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENT AND EMPHASIZED GREAT CARE MRS. SOMOZA HAS TAKEN TO AVOID JEOPARDIZING HER US CITIZENSHIP. CHARGE ALSO DISCUSSED HER POSITION AS HEAD OF JUNTA NACIONAL DE ASISTENCIA Y PREVISION SOCIAL (ORGANIZATION WHICH OVERSEES SEVERAL GOVERNMENT-OPERATED HOSPITALS) AND EXPLAINED THAT OATH OF OFFICE USED HERE DOES NOT MENTION ALLEGIANCE TO NICARAGUA.

2. MR. MOORE INDICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THESE POINTS AND ASKED IF THE CONSULAR SECTION MAINTAINED A FILE ON THE CASE. CHARGE REPLIED IT DID.

3. MR. MOORE TALKED WITH CONSUL WILLIAM STRUCK ON NOVEMBER 19 ABOUT OTHER MATTERS IN WHICH HE WAS INTERESTED, BUT NEVER RAISED SUBJECT OF MRS. SOMOZA.

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